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## **FAST RESPONDING DPD OFFICERS PREVENT POSSIBLE HOMICIDE, SEIZE AK-47 & HANDGUN**

- *Officers catch suspects who allegedly intended to kill victim*

A grateful Detroit man today had the opportunity to thank the Detroit Police Officers he says saved him from being a murder victim.

The 42-year-old man said that early Friday morning, he and some friends were having a party at his house on Glynn street when two men he recognized only as being from around the neighborhood allegedly tried to crash into it uninvited, Chief Warren Evans said today. One of the men, Ameer Akram, 30, allegedly began punching the victim, who defended himself and punched back. At that time, Akram and his accomplice, James Hunter, 33, allegedly claimed that they were going to come back and kill the man to settle the score.

A short time later, the two men returned in a gray Ford Taurus armed with a loaded AK-47 (with additional loaded magazines) and a loaded 9mm handgun. The intended victim called 911 as Akram and Hunter lay in wait in front of his house. A few minutes later, officers Deborah McComas, Billie Peter and Karen Groom responded to the scene. As the suspects spotted the officers, they exited the vehicle and began walking away. The officers approach and detained them and discovered the weapons and ammunition in plain view inside the car.

The men were arrested and have been charged with possession of a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, felon in possession of a firearm, CCW and as Habitual 4<sup>th</sup> offenders. Akram and Hunter, who had prior drug, weapons and stolen property convictions, were ordered held on \$100,000 cash bond.

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*“This was a great example of a quick response to an exceptionally volatile situation,” Chief Evans said. “Given the fact that these suspects returned to the scene with loaded weapons to settle a simple dispute, I have little doubt they would have made good on their alleged threat. Our officers did a great job in their response to this incident and their handling of it once they arrived.”*

Chief Evans pointed out that DPD response times for Priority One runs are more than 20 percent faster today than they were one year ago.

The thankful victim submitted the following correspondence to the Detroit Police Department:

Gratitude from a Detroit Resident

*I just wanted to thank you for being at the right place, at the right time. So many times you guys are there and are not being recognized for it. Well, I didn't want this to be one of those times. I was in extreme danger, not really knowing how much, and the Detroit Police were there to put an end to the danger before it could start. I really appreciate your presence at my residence when my life was threatened, had you not been there I could only guess how bad it could have been. God sent you there to protect me and that you did. So I thank you whole heartedly for saving me.*

*Gratefully Thankful,*  
A Detroit Citizen

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